

REMARKS

By this Amendment, claims 40-45 are cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer to the subject matter therein. After entry of this Amendment, claims 1-39 will remain pending in the patent application. Reconsideration and allowance of the present patent application based on the foregoing amendments and following remarks are respectfully requested.

Entry of this Amendment is proper under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 as the amendments: (a) place the application in condition for allowance for the reasons discussed herein; (b) do not present any new issues that would require further consideration and/or search as the amendments merely amplify issues discussed throughout the prosecution; (c) do not present any additional claims without canceling a corresponding number of claims; and (d) place the application in better form for appeal, should an appeal be necessary. Entry of this Amendment is thus respectfully requested.

Applicants note with appreciation the Examiner's indication that claims 1-39 are allowed.

Furthermore, and as mentioned previously in Applicants' Amendment of July 13, 2005, Applicants respectfully request an initialed copy of the IDS letters of January 6, 2005, June 22, 2004 and February 20, 2004, which cite various unpublished patent applications.

Claim 40 was objected to because of an informality noted in the Office Action. Claims 40-42 and 45 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) based on Lin (U.S. Application Publication No. 2004/0075895). While disagreeing with the Examiner's objection and rejections, claims 40-42 and 45 are cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer to the subject matter therein, thus rendering moot the objection to claim 40 and the rejections of claims 40-42 and 45.

In view of the foregoing, the claims are now believed to be in form for allowance, and such action is hereby solicited. If any point remains in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, please contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The rejections having been addressed, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance and a Notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

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